

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Cancelled).

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 1 ~~21~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said composition ~~is~~ consists of a nutritional composition suitable for oral administration.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is designed to stimulate bone formation in young individuals in the growth phase.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is designed to prevent the bone loss which occurs with ageing.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is designed to prevent or treat disorders linked to an imbalance in the relationship between bone formation and bone resorption.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to Claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is designed to treat a bone deficit resulting from a fracture.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) the use according to Claim 6 ~~2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is designed to prevent or treat a disease selected from osteoporosis, Paget's disease, bone loss or osteolysis observed close to a prosthesis, metastatic bone diseases, hypercalcemia due to a cancer, multiple myelomas, periodontal

diseases or osteoarthritis.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2 ~~one of the Claims 2 to 7,~~
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is available in the form of drinks,
including juices, ~~preferably fruit juices~~, yoghurts, ice creams, cheeses, baked products such
as bread, biscuits and cakes, dairy products, desserts, confectionery products, cereal bars,
breakfast cereals, food seasoning products, fruit salads or stewed fruit.

Claim 9 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2 ~~one of the Claims 2 to 7,~~
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition is available in the form of a
product designed for animal feed, in a wet, semi-wet or dry form.

Claim 10 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2 ~~one of the Claims 2 to~~
~~9, characterised in that~~ wherein the compound hesperidin or one of its derivatives is
available in the form of an extraction product obtained from the peel or the pulp of a citrus
fruit.

Claim 11 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2 ~~one of the Claims 2 to~~
~~10, characterised in that~~ wherein said nutritional composition ~~compound~~ is adapted for oral
administration of a daily quantity included between 0.01 and 500 mg of the compound
hesperidin or of one of its derivatives.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 21 ~~1,~~ ~~characterised in that~~
wherein said composition ~~is~~ consists of a human pharmaceutical or veterinary composition.

Claim 14 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that~~
wherein said pharmaceutical composition is designed to stimulate bone formation in the
young individual in the growth phase.

Claim 15 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said pharmaceutical composition is designed to prevent the bone loss which occurs in the course of ageing.

Claim 16 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said pharmaceutical composition is designed to prevent or treat a disease linked to an imbalance in the relationship between bone formation and bone resorption.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said pharmaceutical composition is designed to treat a bone deficit resulting from a fracture.

Claim 18 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said composition is designed to prevent or treat a disease selected from osteoporosis, Paget's disease, bone loss or the osteolysis observed close to a prosthesis, metastatic bone diseases, the hypercalcemia due to a cancer, multiple myelomas, periodontal diseases or osteoarthritis.

Claim 19 (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13 ~~one of the Claims 13 to 18, characterised in that wherein~~ said pharmaceutical composition is available in a form for oral, parenteral or intravenous administration.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The ~~use~~ method according to claim 13 ~~one of the Claims 13 to 18, characterised in that wherein~~ the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for an oral administration of a daily quantity included between 0.01 and 500 mg of the compound hesperidin or of one of its derivatives.

Claim 21 (New) A method for stimulating bone formation and/or inhibiting bone resorption in man or animals comprising a step of administering to a subject in need thereof, an

effective amount of a composition containing hesperidin or a derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of hesperitin, alpha-glucosyl-hesperidin, methyl hesperidin, a conjugate of hesperitin and sulphate and a conjugate of hesperitin and glucuronide.

Claim 22 (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the nutritional composition is available in the form a fruit juice.